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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER

1. NOVEMBER 14 ISSUE OF TEMPO, A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF MOZAMBIQUE INFORMATION MINISTRY, CONTAINS SPECIAL ARTICLE SIZING-UP PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER. ARTICLE, WHICH IS ENTITLED "PRESIDENT CARTER: A NEW AMERICAN VOICE;, WAS WRITTEN ESPECIALLY FOR TEMPO BY GUISEPPE MOROSINI. (MOROSINI IS AN ITALIAN COMMUNIST JOURNALIST IN MAPUTO WHO WRITES FOR THE PCI WEEKLY RINASCITA, AND ALSO CONTRIBUTES TO TEMPO.) ARTICLE IS TYPICAL MARXIST ANALYSIS OF U.S. POLITICS AND ELECTION. CONCLUSION IS THAT CARTER'S VICTORY MAKES NO DIFFERENCE SINCE CARTER WILL PURSUE THE SAME IMPERIALIST POLICIES AS HIS PREDECESSOR.

2. SAME ISSUE OF TEMPO ALSO CARRIES A STORY ON GENEVA CONFERENCE, WHICH ALLEGES THAT "THE NEW DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION HAS NO INTENTION OF MODIFYING THE KISSINGER APPROACH TOWARDS PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA." FOR EVIDENCE OF THIS, TEMPO CITES STATEMENT MADE NOVEMBER 6 IN GENEVA BY CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, WHO TEMPO ASSERTS WAS SENT BY CARTER AS HIS SPECIAL ENVOY TO GENEVA CONFERENCE. ARTICLE THEN GOES ON TO POINT OUT FALACIES IN "KISSINGER PLAN."

3. COMMENT: THE ABOVE ARTICLES ARE FIRST COMMENTARY ON PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER TO APPEAR IN MOZAMBIQUE PRESS.

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HEAVILY MARXIST INTERPRETATION OF CARTER'S ELECTION

VICTORY IS WHAT EMBASSY WOULD EXPECT FROM TEMPO, WHICH
IS MARKEDLY PRO-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-WESTERN IN ITS
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COVERAGE AND COMMENTARY.
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